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The State Association of county commissioners will meet in Ocala June 11th.

The Evening Record of St. Augustine is one of the liveliest, brightest papers in the State.

Rumblings of a political Mount Pelée in these parts are charged to Bob McNamee of St. Petersburg.

The Bradenton Journal speaks wrathfully of "the many drunken brutes who write for the Bradenton Herald."

The Baptist Young People's Union of the State will hold their next annual session in St. Augustine June 10-12, inclusive.

Uncle Wilk Call, with a pocket full of money, is going up and down in the State hunting a seat in the United States senate.

The Journal reports that R. A. Palmer of Bradenton has received \$136 net returns from the product in one season of a single grapefruit tree.

The Tampa municipal election, which has been agitating that city for a month past, will occur next Tuesday. If Hon. C. M. Knott wins, Tampa may be forgiven for the awful fuss she has been making.

The Ocala Banner calls attention to the important fact that the act establishing the railroad commission provides that it shall be composed of a railroad man, a farmer and a lawyer. This means the re-election of Mr. Day, but should the other man be a farmer, or a lawyer.

The Bartow Craeker is making a great ado over the prohibitory fees charged for entering the primary in Polk county. "Of all the damnable laws," it alleges, "conceived in sin and brought forth in iniquity, this is the worst known." The Craeker charges a fee of \$75.00 should not cause a rich editor to hesitate or to swear at such terrible rate.

On good authority it is said that the people of District No. 1 have practically agreed on Mr. Ed F. Bostick for county commissioner to succeed Mr. W. A. McEwen, who refuses to run again. And we are assured that he is a gentleman of ability as well as of progressive, broad and liberal views. He should therefore be elected. Mr. McEwen proved himself the right man in the right place and so did Hon. Geo. W. McLane, chairman of the board, and it would have been perfectly proper to re-elect both.

The DeSoto County News in its new form and under its new management made its appearance last week and it is a credit to the county. It is a 6-column 8-page paper, handsomely printed and ably edited. THE HERALD is especially pleased at the fact that the editor and manager of the new paper is Col. Walter Graham, who is a gentleman of ability and one well informed in the "ethics and courtesies of true journalism." He is not a man to foment discord, but to harmonize and build up, and he will therefore do valuable work for the county.

FORT MYERS' MEANNESS.

It is generally believed here that the arrest last week of Punta Gorda fishermen by the Lee county authorities is attributable less to an honest desire to enforce the laws than to jealousy and pure meanness at Fort Myers. Fort Myers is evidently chagrined because she has no fish business and all the industry centers here where it has the advantage of transportation. This chagrin is intensified by the fact that most, if not all of the fish come out of Lee county waters.

Possibly if all the business centered at Fort Myers, there would be little attempt to enforce a dead law. Judge Wall has decided that the law under which our fishermen were arrested is null and void, a fact which the Lee county officers should have known before causing all this trouble and damage.

As it is, if the men arrested seek fit to resent the unwarranted interference with their business and their personal liberty, it is the opinion of good lawyers that they have just grounds for a damage suit. The men were arrested without affidavit being made or warrant issued and were held beyond the limits allowed by law before these necessary formalities were complied with.

But no meanness at Fort Myers can prevent the growth of Punta Gorda and its business.

HON. JOHN L. JONES.

Hon. John L. Jones, the live and progressive mayor of Arcadia, visited Punta Gorda last week and he is also reported as having recently visited several other strategic points in the county. His movements have given rise to the impression that he is seeking to supply the county with a complete set of approved officers, men who entertain views similar to his own and who may be depended upon to aid in carrying them out.

It is reported that he went to Pine Level and the announcement of Mr. Johnson's candidacy followed. He visited Wauchula and Mr. Ed F. Bostick developed into a candidate for county commissioner. He is also credited with the candidacy of Mr. Hendry for county treasurer.

Mr. Samp Williams at one time hesitated to run for county commissioner and it is barely possible that Mr. Jones may have had something to do with dispelling his hesitation. Mr. Griffin is out again and we have no doubt that Mr. Richardson will also offer for re-election as county commissioner.

There is good reason to believe that Messrs. Williams, Griffin and Richardson are favorable to Mr. Jones's interests, for, under their administration, Mr. Jones's newspaper has had a monopoly of the county printing and advertising.

Now, this is not to blame Mr. Jones for what he is doing or trying to do. It is all right for him to control the politics and the offices of this county, if he can. Almost any other live and ambitious man would do the same thing, if the people permitted it. And this writer is no exception.

Further, it is not just to say that, if Mr. Jones is really responsible for the candidates named, he need not be ashamed of it, for, according to all reports, they are capable, honest men, and nothing can be said against them, save that they may be over-friendly to Mr. Jones.

If Mr. Jones is doing all this and is guilty of all the political enterprise with which he is charged, we can but accord him sincere admiration, even while attempting to defeat his schemes. His success would prove him to be the smartest and most influential man in the county.

He is certainly a hustler. He has done much for Arcadia and his church and also for John L. Jones. That is right. Who wouldn't do the same thing? Is anybody but a preacher any better than that?

But this idea presents itself: If it is to be left to Mr. Jones to say who shall fill each county office, what is the use or sense of this expensive primary? But as the primary is ordered, let us all vote to instruct our representative in the legislature to introduce a bill abolishing all the county offices of DeSoto and appointing Hon. John L. Jones sole guardian, custodian and general director of the county. That would save much money and prove highly agreeable to the blind tigers, who are objects of Mr. Jones's especial animosity and commendable indignation. However, Mr. Jones is not a man of animosity. He is very genial and accommodating; and if he is running for anything himself, we will be sorely tempted to vote for him. He is one of those nice, pleasing gentlemen who, if they do not join the church and become Christians as Mr. Jones has done, develop into the most accomplished bunco steers or politicians.

CANDIDATE C. M. JOHNSON.

While THE HERALD favors the candidacy of Gen. Gilchrist for the legislature, it is broad enough to recognize the merits and qualifications of Mr. C. M. Johnson of Pine Level, whose announcement appeared in these columns last week. Several citizens of Punta Gorda are well acquainted with him and they all speak very highly of him. They say he is a gentleman of integrity and ability and can be depended on to look carefully and conscientiously after all the interests of the county.

He is a merchant, a property owner, a church member and a solid, patriotic citizen. In declaring his candidacy, he announces his platform that everyone may know exactly where he stands. The Democratic voters will undoubtedly be as liberal as THE HERALD in giving Mr. Johnson a respectful hearing and in according to his claims that fair consideration which his excellent character deserves.

The Florida Baptist, published at Wauchula, thus speaks of him: "Mr. Johnson is well and favorably known in the county. He is a man of sterling worth, and, if elected, will make us one of the ablest representatives the county has ever had. He does not think the county should be divided at this time and that our taxes should be reduced. He believes the fishermen of Punta Gorda should be allowed to fish without being harassed by people in neighboring counties. He is willing to allow the people of the state to vote on the subject of prohibition and to secure it if they can. This all seems to be reasonable, and we have no doubt that the people generally think about them as Mr. Johnson does. The better one knows him the more he will be esteemed as a man of integrity, good judgment, moral courage and towering intellect. We predict that he will make us a wise, thoughtful, efficient legislator and gain lasting honor for himself."

The Gainesville Daily News has been sold to the Hill Printing Co. It has been a live, aggressive paper which character its new owners will endeavor to maintain.

CANDIDATES' ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FOR STATE'S ATTORNEY.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for State's Attorney of the Sixth Judicial Circuit, subject to the action of the Democratic voters at the coming primary.

H. S. PHILLIPS.

I will be a candidate at the coming Democratic primary, seeking the nomination to the office of State's Attorney for the Sixth Judicial Circuit. I ask each and every elector at said primary to give me his vote and support.

SOLOM B. TURMAN,
Of the Tampa Bar.

FOR TAX COLLECTOR.

In response to the earnest solicitations of many friends and fellow-citizens, I take this opportunity to announce myself as a candidate for the office of tax collector of DeSoto county, subject to the action of the Democratic voters at the coming primary to be held on July 15th, 1902. I earnestly solicit the cordial support of my fellow citizens and promise, if elected, to perform the duties of the office faithfully and honestly.

Very Respectfully,
HENRY L. HOLLINGSWORTH

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Tax Collector of DeSoto County, Fla., subject to the wishes of the Democratic voters of said County.

Respectfully,
F. MARVIN DURRANCE.

JAMES D. SOUTHERLAND, in compliance with the expressed wishes of many friends, respectfully announces his candidacy for tax collector of DeSoto county and solicits the support of the Democratic voters in the July primary.

FOR TAX ASSESSOR.

We are authorized to announce F. M. COOPER as a candidate for re-election to the office of Tax Assessor of DeSoto County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

FOR THE LEGISLATURE.

I announce myself a candidate for the Legislature. Conditions do not warrant a division of the county. If elected I will oppose such a measure.

ALBERT W. GILCHRIST.

At the earnest solicitations of leading citizens of almost every section of the county, I hereby announce myself a candidate for Representative in the next legislature, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

If elected, I pledge myself to use my influence, to work, and to vote—1st, For reduction of taxes; 2nd, For the protection and betterment of the fish interests of DeSoto county; 3rd, Against the division of the county; 4th, Against the dispensary bill and in favor of a law allowing the people of the state to vote on an amendment to the constitution providing for State prohibition.

Having no axe of my own to grind, I shall do my best for the interests of DeSoto county and her people, and I therefore respectfully solicit your support.

C. M. JOHNSON.

FOR COUNTY TREASURER.

We are authorized to announce Finis E. Parker as a candidate for re-election to the office of County Treasurer, subject to the action of the Democratic voters in the coming primary.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County Treasurer of DeSoto County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

W. A. HENDRY.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for county commissioner of district No. 4, subject to the action of the voters in the Democratic primary to be held on July 15th. If nominated and elected I shall favor a reduction of at least eight mills of the special road tax and shall also advocate such other economic measures so that the total taxes for the coming fiscal year, from July 1st, 1902, to June 30th, 1903 shall not exceed 18 mills, thus making a reduction of 10 mills on the dollar.

Respectfully,
D. S. WILLIAMS.

The friends of Ed F. Bostick hereby announce him a candidate for the office of County Commissioner for district No. 1, subject to the action of the Democratic primary, and earnestly solicit your support.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of County Commissioner of District No. 3, subject to the action of the voters in the Democratic primary to be held July 15-1902. If elected, I shall serve the people faithfully in all business coming before the Board.

Respectfully,
J. H. CONNOR.

Appreciating the support given me in the past, I respectfully announce that I am a candidate for re-election to the office of County Commissioner of District 5, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

Respectfully,
S. L. GRIFFIN.

FOR MEMBER OF SCHOOL BOARD.

I wish to announce myself to the voters at the Democratic primary election as a candidate for re-election as member of the Board of Public Instruction.

Trusting that I may again receive your support, I am,
Very Respectfully,
CYRUS JONES.

The Kissimmee Gazette strongly favors the election of Hon. A. C. Croon for Comptroller. THE HERALD also believes that Mr. Croon is the right man for the office. He is certainly capable and he is assuredly sincere in his efforts to protect the State and the individual taxpayers from needless and illegal expenses. The reforms which he has inaugurated, although they may have given much trouble to some of the county officers, have unquestionably been in the interest of the people who, either directly or indirectly, pay all the expenses of the State and county governments.

Tampa Tribune: The candidate who falls out with you for supporting the other fellow is necessarily a great egoist.

Foley's Honey and Tar for children, safe, sure. No opiates.

ERROR IN DATE.

This issue of THE HERALD is erroneously dated on the first page; the number also is wrong. It should be May 30th and No. 21. Last week's date was accidentally left unchanged and the error was not noticed until the entire edition had been printed.

PINEAPPLE GROWERS ASSOCIATION.

Several of the pineapple growers of Punta Gorda met at the council chamber last Saturday night for the purpose of organizing a home association for their mutual protection, to be called the Punta Gorda Pineapple Association. Those present were: J. McCann, W. Whitten, S. Huffman, L. T. Blocksom, F. Perkins, G. Seavy and J. G. Meyrick. The meeting being called to order, Mr. Perkins was elected to the chair and J. G. Meyrick secretary. A committee was appointed to draw up rules and by-laws, after which the meeting adjourned until next Saturday at same time and place, 8 p. m., council chamber. Every person interested in growing pineapples is requested to come up.

VINEKIES MADE TO ORDER.

Being an experienced pineapple grower, I offer to prepare the land, furnish the plants and put out pineries for all wishing them at so much per plant or so much per acre.

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AS WE PROMISED

To close early during the summer months, you will find us keeping our promise, and our store will be closed at 7 o'clock until Sept. 1st. Same way in all our business transactions; we do as we promise, as a trial will convince you. We haven't any new prices to quote you this week, but we like to talk to our customers occasionally. We have a fine line of groceries, which we think second to none both in price and quality. Our hardware and furniture stock is constantly increasing; our trade is increasing also; so our prices must be right. Come and see our stock and get our prices and we can save you money.

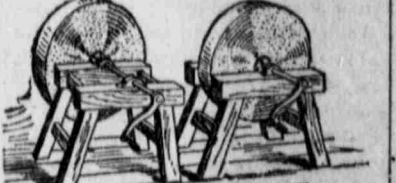
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